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## PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: Friday, May 7, 2004  
Date/Time of Occurrence: Thursday, May 6, 2004, 6 p.m.  
Nature of Call: Shooter Sought in Pellet Attacks  
Location of Call: Newcastle and Auburn Folsom Roads

Released by: Sgt. John Addoms (530) 889-7856

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### **SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:**

The Placer County Sheriff's Department and the California Highway Patrol are jointly searching for the suspect in several pellet gun shootings that have occurred along Newcastle and Auburn Folsom roads this week.

Thursday, a Newcastle woman was struck in the shoulder by a pellet believed fired from a high-powered pellet gun. Around 6 p.m., the 46-year-old was riding in a car driven by her boyfriend on Newcastle Road, one-half mile west of Auburn Folsom Road, with her elbow resting on the passenger door. She felt sharp pain in her right shoulder but did not discover that she'd been shot until she arrived home a short time later. Deputies responded to the home, the victim was transported to Sutter Roseville Medical Center and a search for the shooter began.

Despite a thorough search of the area, deputies and the Sheriff Department's helicopter were unable to locate a suspect.

An X-ray revealed that a pellet had penetrated six to eight inches into the woman's shoulder and had lodged behind her shoulder blade. She was treated and released.

The CHP is investigating three similar reports that occurred Wednesday in the same area. The first was reported at 6:35 p.m. when a car traveling on Newcastle Road, just west of Auburn Folsom Road, was struck in the left rear door with a pellet. Ten minutes later, two more cars were also hit, one on the left rear door and one in the left rear window.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Sheriff's Detective Bill Summers at (530) 889-7843 or Highway Patrol Officer Robert Sweet at (916) 663-3344.

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